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THE POLITICAL REFORMER

No one is so strong for reform as he who has been crossed in his method of procedure and seeks vengeance. He will go to any limit to depict the terrible wrongs which others are committing, though he may have inaugurated them himself. He poses as the example of virtue and innocence in his ravings against corruption and evil, though his apparent conversion is simply to hoodwink the trusting public and temporarily by his stand, endeavor to draw them with him in his scheme for regaining the powerful position from which he has fallen. There is suddenly change in his complexion because the individual changes but his action often allows for long repentance.

This is the situation in the promotion of the third party because of the corruption and methods used in the old. A Kansas man sizes up the situation well in these words: "The G. O. P. was right enough for the people's rights and for Roosevelt, but it made him an office holder for over twenty years, during which it made him a member of the New York legislature, a police commissioner for New York City, a civil service commissioner, an assistant secretary of the navy, a colonel in the Spanish war, a governor of New York, a vice-president of the United States and a president. But, forsooth, when the party refused him a third term he had pledged himself not to accept or ask for, all of a sudden the party became a veritable den of thieves and robbers, and he must needs bolt the party and seek still further preferment from another or third party. Certainly this is a unique example of devotion to the people."

The methods which he now cries so vigorously against are those which he used in getting into office.

ALL BUSINESS BOOMING.

There is no lack of work in this country today. The mills in New England are short-handed; the steel plants in Pennsylvania are short of labor; the harvests of the great west year and year along for abundant reapers.—Springfield Republican.

And construction men throughout the country find trouble in getting enough help. This is certainly not indicative that the country is dissatisfied, but does show that confidence exists in the present administration, backed by the belief that it will be continued.

In all these lines of business there is an excellent barometer of the existing condition throughout the country and in the steel business in particular. There is an increase of seven per cent, shown in the building business over last year and more structural steel is being used than ordinary conditions would call for. This healthy condition in the steel trade is fear also in other material and the leather line, for instance, will fall short before the orders can be filled. The prosperity coming at a time when the presidential election is not four months off, coupled with the fact that the crops are large and wages never better augurs well for the entire country. It is evident that business is not holding back for election and the fact that it does not is one of the strongest indications of confidence in the future under the guidance of the present executive.

GREAT LAKES COMMERCE.

At a time when the furnishing of the vessels plying the great lakes with a full equipment of life saving apparatus, including sufficient lifeboat capacity, the need of such provision is made particularly plain by the volume of domestic commerce which utilizes the large inland waterways, including the canals. During the month of May there were freight shipments aggregating 10,891,220 short tons, which is an increase of 24 per cent over the shipments a year ago. This shows that the commerce on the lakes is increasing and when the commerce is increased it will be found that the passenger business is likewise large.

Not only was there an increase in the tonnage, but there were also more vessels operated on the lake than in the previous year, quite a fleet being added when there were 8,994 this year, as compared with 8,339 last year in the month of May. The net tons registered for the vessels increased over two million. The big increase in commodities carried is shown in iron ore, lumber and wheat. Iron ore transported increased 57 per cent, the volume of lumber was greater than the past year, while over 81 per cent more wheat was carried during the thirty-one days of May than in the same period last year, while increase in iron manufactures, copper and unclassified freight is noted. The traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie canal showed a gain of 46 per cent, wheat tripling in volume, while in the Detroit river the increase was 24 per cent. This shows a steadily increasing trade and a steadily increasing chance for accidents and need for increased precautions.

The republican party was progressive enough to save the union, to foster the country's industries until it became the richest nation on earth, and to make this government a world power. It has spelled progress with capital, taking it whole career, and a few years are pretending that it is not good enough to stay with!

POULTRY RAISING.

In the last decade there has been a decided increase in interest in the poultry business and it has not been entirely among the farmers that this has been true. By the census report it is shown that the farmers have been responsible for a large part of the increase, poultry enumerated on farms alone being worth \$154,663,000 April 15, 1910, which is an increase of over eighty per cent in the last ten years. This shows that would be the normal growth in the poultry business, but does not include the poultry to be found in villages and cities. This eliminates a large number of the nation's fowls, for it is in the backyards and vacant lots that many a householder has gone into the business as a side issue to take up spare moments and add to the family income.

With many it has started as a fad, but by proper attention to the business it has developed to such proportions that it required all the time of the proprietor, after passing the novice stage to properly attend to it and it has returned a handsome profit. How much greater the census enumeration would have been had the quota of every small back yard pen been included is hard to estimate, but it would undoubtedly have added the necessary fifth to have made the poultry business twice as large as when the previous census was taken. While the number of cattle in the country and the number of hogs decreased, a sturdy increase was noted in the poultry on the farms. They are easily cared for and pay well.

DELAWARE BOULEVARD LOST.

At a time when there is a widespread endeavor to nurse every inclination which favors better roads, it is a sad experience of Gen. T. C. DuPont of Delaware, who offered to build a boulevard from one end of the state to the other. Several million dollars would have been expended in the project and it would have been of untold benefit to the state wherein it was built as well as to adjoining states which had planned to continue the undertaking for some distance at least. A general improvement along the entire line with parks, new bridges and reclamation of swamps meant a grand thing for the state, a philanthropy which promised to excel the great work which Morton F. Plant has been doing in a similar line for southeastern Connecticut.

The harm which a few distrustful individuals can do is well illustrated in the Delaware case, since it has caused the abandonment of the idea by Gen. DuPont. Suspicious that such an investment would be made without some selfish motive hidden back of it, sufficient opposition was aroused against the project to cause the matter to be dropped. Disregarding the great good which it would do land owners and lawyers blocked its success and the little state of Delaware will never know what it has thrown away. It means a loss not only for that state and its citizens, but those of neighboring states, and is a wicked blow at the good roads movement, though made from lack of appreciation of the generous impulse of the millionaire.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

With the fear of bubonic plague, swat the fly has been used to trap the rat.

The most important matrimonial class this year promises to be at the electoral college.

High wages don't seem to prevent railroad accidents or make the engineers any more careful or considerate.

Happy thought for today: Anybody can have a terrible time in this world if that is not what they are aiming to avoid.

Out in California the women are so enthusiastic over suffrage that they disregard laws and make 16-year-old girls voters.

The Wilson campaign committee is composed of 13 members. This shows Woodrow regards 13 as a good enough number for him.

Boss Elan, a pupil of Quay's, became an agent of reform when he found it would give him the political opportunity he was looking for.

Bald Jack Ross and a few others have made a good start in New York on a Wild East show. Mayor Gaynor points with pride to the setting.

There is little doubt that some of the religiousists who are quarreling over the fall of Jericho at Chicago pose as progressions in politics.

If you haven't a good garden yourself it is a fine thing to have neighbors who grow more good garden truck than they know what to do with.

Some one has discovered that Lincoln's nomination cost him \$100. The second Lincoln recognizes that times have changed, but politically have not improved.

Jack Johnson has followed the example of presidential electors and retired from the ring to make an honest living by running a saloon. He ought to prove quite a mixer.

The party which has declared that it will make "Thou shalt not steal" a plank in its platform, will stand on this commandment and "Bear false witness against thy neighbor."

When President Taft announced his determination not to stump during the campaign a dead calm struck the third term. He then decided not to make his tour his wind was gone.

The automobile has put mortgages on the home, sent up the price of gasoline, shoved rubber sky high and now by the use of leather thereon will raise the price of shoes. What next?

Col. Roosevelt has been a popular republican official ever since he left college with the exception of two years. His gratitude to his party is like his gratitude to his friends.

The farmer comes right along. There was a time when he looked askance at a top buggy, but now he does not hesitate to consider which style of a touring car would suit him best.

What do you think of a lot of progressives who propose to make things better by adding the policies to triumph which work dog public confidence and send workmen to the soup house?

If you cannot knock down the political lion, knock down the principles you have devoted your life to live by the principles you oppose triumph. Is there any sense in that? Do voters stand for men or for politics.

THE BULLETIN'S SHORT STORY.

WHEN THE GUNBOAT RETURNS

The Okushiki steamed into the bay and landed her crew—all, that is, save one.

"Poor little Love Bird!" sighed Kitsu.

But Love Bird (it was Brankome, the English newspaper correspondent, who had thus christened the dainty Japanese maid) did not even sigh.

"Tell me more, Kitsu," she pleaded.

"Tell me of my lost loved one."

Pulling himself together, Kitsu told again how Esashi, Love Bird's loyal love, had fought his gun against the Russian batteries when brave men shrunk from the heat of death with a lurch of the gunboat, he had been pitched overboard and lost!

The very simplicity of the telling added a dramatic touch to the story, but Love Bird did not weep.

She had left the British legation at Yokohama, where she was employed, and where Brankome, a trust of the minister's had pointed over her daintiness that time he was not anathematizing her inquisitive rummaging of his belongings. She had left the legation with a joyful overflowing heart to meet her love; she returned with a heart bowed as with death.

A lacquered box held her few mementoes. Within the box was also another small and circular, containing two flat pastilles.

Brankome owned a similar box, only his was full of the mementoes of his wife. He had found her one day prying furtively into the larger box, toying playfully with the contents, and he had pounced upon her with so great a yell of anger that she had slipped the smaller box out of sight.

"Love Bird," he said, "if ever I catch you fingering my belongings again I will make you swallow one of these pastilles, and then, Love Bird, you will die. Do you understand, you meddling young sinner? Those things are poison. Do you want to die a sudden death before your sailor love returns?"

"Death!"

She had shuddered at the thought and ran tremblingly away to conceal the smaller box, the possession of which she dared not reveal to Brankome.

And now—Esashi was dead! And the sweetness of life was gone. One Love Bird cannot live alone.

She swallowed the pastilles—both.

Exactly two hours later Kitsu limped recklessly to the door of the legation compounded just as Brankome rolled out of a ricksha. Kitsu pounced upon him with a wailing shriek.

"Happy little Love Bird!" replied Brankome. "So her love is alive, after all. Picked up by one of your torpedo boats and landed an hour ago, a while; but the steady winnow carefully studies all the chances and selects favorably the preponderance of probabilities.

Keep close to the general laws. Learn the averages and follow them. Your enemy's weak points mean as much to your chances of success as your own strong points.

"Trust in God," said Daniel Boone, and keep your powder dry."

"The man of brains," said La Bruyere, "sees difficulties, surmounts or avoids them; the fool knows no difficulties."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

No Standard of Value.

Mr. Editor: The supreme court of the United States said "the constitution of the United States does not contemplate a standard of value. A standard can never vary and does not. A standard of weights and measures never varied. A yard is three feet, no more, no less. A pound is sixteen ounces, no more or less. Were there a standard of value, and were it true, it could not and would not change. Prices may change, but a standard cannot. As proof of this, April 2, 1792, congress fixed the price (mind your ears) of silver at 37 1/2 grains of pure silver at \$1. Congress fixed the price, but not the value, for the best reason in the world, that they did not know the intrinsic value, which was fixed by its creator. From 1792 to 1874 the price of 37 1/2 grains of silver was not changed. What happened then? Hear the story. In 1874 the price of 37 1/2 grains of silver could not be bought for less than one dollar, for the reason that the government would not give for one dollar free of expense to the owner of the bullion. In 1873 congress, at the instigation of the gold owners, took away the free coinage privilege from the silver bullion owners, that is, congress refused to fix the price of the 37 1/2 grains of pure silver. What was the result? The price of 37 1/2 grains of silver dropped from the false price the assumed value, one dollar, placed on it by congress in 1792—down to today, the price of it is only about 40 cents.

People say the silver dollar was devalued in 1873. This is not true. The silver dollar has never been devalued.

The silver dollar passes today for a dollar just the same as ever, which goes to prove that money is a creation of law, regardless of the value of the material on which the money stamp is placed. This rule applies to gold as it does to silver. Both are products of nature. At the same time April 2, 1792, congress fixed the price of 247 1/2 grains of pure gold at \$10, and said it was of the value of \$10. Congress knew no more of the intrinsic value of gold than it did of silver. To prove that it did not, June 25, 1834, congress changed the price of the \$10 gold piece by taking 15 1/2 grains away, but 322 grains of pure gold in the \$10 gold piece or eagle, but said the value had not been changed, still being of the value of \$10. The value of the eagle was changed, but the same price remained for the 322 grains as was given to the 247 1/2 grains. Is there any sense or reason in it? You might as well say sense say that three pecks of potatoes are of the same value as four pecks, of the same quality. When those coins were authorized in 1792 congress not only fixed the price, but reduced the amount of metal in each coin. With equal propriety congress may take any other commodity and fix a price on it. Nowhere in the constitution is congress authorized to fix the price of any commodity. The free coinage of gold and silver is a relic of barbarism. The main object for a few to own all the money all the people are obliged to have. It was grafted into our system from England, almost immediately after we had gained our independence from the mother country to create our own money. It was a scheme to rob the producers from those who produce them. Ever since Aaron made the golden calf in the wilderness there has been and is now descendants know better. The majority of intelligent people do not. And why? Because they do not take the trouble to do their own thinking.

J. C. VALLETTE.
North Franklin, Conn.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

Baltimore has a woman policeman or two whose duty it is to nab flirts. A few policemen of that kind are needed in Hartford.—Hartford Post.

Connecticut is to be canvassed for the Roosevelt ticket. It will be interesting to learn just what the trouble is all about in that community, whose prosperity is so dependent on republican policies and republican success.—Westerly Sun.

Bridgeport's waterfront is owned entirely by the railroad, while the Middletown waterfront is controlled by both the rail and water facilities of the same corporation. The result is the same, but it sounds different, that's all.—Middletown Press.

New York's new police scandal is a hummer all right, as this is only the beginning of the showdown. There is a housecleaning coming, and it should be the most thorough that city has ever had. Present conditions are almost beyond belief.—Bridgeport Telegram.

What is a convention for, anyway? What are elections for? By the common reasoning they exist for the purpose of furthering his personal cause, although any efforts along this line must be accompanied by systematic negotiations of great abstract virtue.—Hartford Times.

The fatal fall from aloft of a midshipman on the Hartford at Annapolis contradicts the common saying that it is never a novice who meets death in that way. Generally it is true that it is the more experienced sailors who grow careless about their hold on foot in the rigging.—Providence Bulletin.

If the country is to be put through the paces of a great moral awakening there must be no monkeying with the undertaking. The people of this country are not going to show patience with a Stop Thief cry in one section and a Go It Thief cry in another. It is time for reformers to walk circumspectly. They are on trial.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

Early morning assassinations in the streets of New York are getting to be more of a daily occurrence. So long as the victims of the gang shootings are merely gamblers who have turned informers, or at least are not high police officials, the police are not over-

To Help Nature Shed a Bad Complexion

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IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

DIFFICULTIES.

There is a passage in the scriptures to the effect that no man builds a house without first finding out the cost, and no king goes to war without estimating the forces of the enemy.

It is said of Abraham Lincoln that in a law suit he used to study the case of the opposing side even more carefully than that of his own.

One can have too much prudence and raise the opposition so high that it is afraid of entering, but the essence of efficiency is not to despise obstacles as well as not to despise yourself.

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